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### MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DDC EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: National Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month 2006

May is Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month, a celebration of Asian Pacific Islanders and their vibrant cultural heritage in the United States. Since 1977, Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month has taken place in May to mark the month in which immigration of the first Japanese to the United States took place on May 7, 1843. Additionally, on May 10, 1869, the East finally met the West as thousands of Chinese immigrant workers completed the transcontinental railroad that connected the Eastern and Western coasts of the United States.

The theme for this year's Asian Pacific-American Heritage Month is "Dreams and Challenges for Asian Pacific-Americans." The Asian Pacific-American community has enriched our nation with its diverse culture, industrious spirit, and many talented individuals who have helped to build and strengthen our Nation. Since the earliest days of our country, people from all cultures have traveled to our Nation seeking the promise of freedom, opportunities and sharing in the pursuit of the American Dream.

As part of Defense Distribution Center outreach efforts to Asian Pacific- American communities, we are proudly participating in this year's Federal Asian Pacific Council Training conference, designed to provide an update on key personnel issues and other matters of interest to Asian Pacific-American communities.

I encourage the DDC workforce to join me in celebrating the rich and unique combination of heritages of Asian Pacific-Americans and the many contributions they have made to Defense Distribution Center's mission and our Nation.

  
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